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DEPT PASS JUSTICE - THOMPSON CROCKETT AND JAMES ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: SIT-IN NICARAGUAN MISSION

1. ON THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1977 AT APPROXIMATELY 2:15 PM, 15 PERSONS REPRESENTING THE LATIN-AMERICAN CIVIC COMMITTEE STAGED A SIT-IN AT THE MISSION OF NICARAGUA TO THE UNITED NATIONS. THE DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED THE 21ST FLOOR MISSION OFFICE AND ANNOUNCED THROUGH THEIR SPOKESMAN ROBERTO MARGOS THAT THEY WERE OCCUPYING THE OFFICE TO PROTEST THE ALLEGED TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NICARAGUA.

2. FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AND FIFTEEN MINUTES, THE GROUP CONDUCTED A PEACEFUL SIT-IN WHILE THEIR LEADER NEGOTIATED WITH THE ALTERNATE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, DR. JOSE ANTONIO ALVARADO, TO FORWARD THEIR DEMANDS TO THE GON. THE SIT-IN ENDED AT 3:30 PM WHEN A CALL WAS PUT THROUGH TO THE NICARAGUAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR INFORMING THEM OF THE SIT-IN. VARGOS WAS PERMITTED TO LISTEN IN ON AN EXTENSION.

3. THE GROUP DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS WHICH REFERRED TO TWO

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SPECIFIC POLITICAL PRISONERS TOMAS BORGE AND MARCIO JAEN WHO ARE REPORTEDLY STAGING HUNGER STRIKE IN NICARAGUA. TEXT OF LEAFLET FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

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LATIN- AMERICAN CIVIC COMMITTEE

COMMINIQUE

"POLITICAL PRISONERS IN SERIOUS CONDITIONS
AFTER 52 DAYS HUNGER STRIKE"

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NICARAGUA ARE BEING SUBJECTED TO THE
MOST INHUMAN AND VIOLENT CONDITIONS IMAGINABLE. TORTURE IN EVERY
FORM IS PRACTICED ON WOMEN AS WELL AS CHILDREN IN JAILS AND
CONCENTRATION CAMPS THROUGHOUT NICARAGUA.

FOR THE PAST 52 DAYS BROTHERS TOMAS BORGE AND MARCIO JAEN,
THEMSELVES POLITICAL PRISONERS, HAVE BEEN ON A HUNGER STRIKE TO
PROTEST THESE BARBAROUS CONDITIONS, AND THEIR OWN STATE OF
PERPETUAL SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. TOMAS BORGE WAS SUBJECTED TO 500
HOURS OF BRUTAL TORTURE, SUFFERING NUMEROUS BROKEN BONES, MOST OF
THE TIME WHILE IN CHAINS OR HANDCUFFS.

WE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CIVIC COMMITTEE FOR THE LIBERATION OF
NICARAGUA STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE HEROIC ACTION OF BROTHERS
TOMAS BORGE AND MARCIO JAEN. WE FEEL THAT THEIR DEMANDS ARE JUST AND
COINCIDES WITH THE PRESENT UNIVERSAL CONCERN FOR THE BASIC
HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE
STILL STRUGGLING TO ATTAIN THEM. WE ASK ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND
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INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF TOMAS AND MARCIO, AND TO
PROTEST IN EVERY FORM THE MALTREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS
EVERYWHERE.
L.A.C.C.

* SOLIDARITY WITH TOMAS AND MARCIO**
* DEMAND THEIR RELEASE FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**
* DEMAND THAT SOMOZA IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE
F.S.L.N. WOMEN AND OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS**

UNQUOTE

4. NYPD WERE ON HAND ALMOST FROM THE INCEPTION AND
CONTAINED THE PROTESTERS, WHO LEFT PEACEFULLY WHEN THEIR
DEMAND WAS GRANTED. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO MISSION OR
INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

5. MISOFF ALSO PRESENT AT SCENE TO OBSERVE SIT-IN AND
SPOKE ON TELEPHONE TO AMBASSADOR LANG, WHO WAS AT HOME.
LANG WAS CONCERNED OVER SAFEGUARDING MISSION DOCUMENTS.
MISOFF EXPLAINED NYPD AND DR. ALVARADO HAD SITUATION IN
HAND.

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